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Capital Journal

THE WEATHER OREGON: Tonight rain west, fair east portion; Saturday rain west, probably snow east portion. Local: Rainfall .03 inch; max. 51; min. 40; river, 13.8 feet and falling.

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SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1922

PRICE TWO CENTS

ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

FIFTEEN INDICTED BY COUNTY GRAND JURY

OTHERS TO BE ARRESTED IN KU KLUX CASE

Louisiana Sheriff Says Evidence Secured And Warrants Are Being Prepared.

Monroe, La., Dec. 29.—Sheriff Fred Carpenter of Morehouse Parish today declared there will be arrests in the Morehouse kidnaping investigations upon the return of the federal investigators who were in New Orleans yesterday attending a conference with state officials.

"I have no warrants as yet, but these are to be placed in my hands within the next few days as I understand that the chain of evidence has been completed," the sheriff said. "I have no reliable information relative to the alleged confessions of two persons involving 45 citizens."

Friends Aid McKoin Sheriff Carpenter said that while 45 citizens might be involved in the plot, he did not believe this many were actual participants in the kidnaping of the Mer Rouge citizens and the deaths of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards.

Friends of Dr. B. M. McKoin in the fifth congressional district of Louisiana where a year ago he was president of the Medical association continued today to offer their assistance with pledges of financial and moral support.

Although most of the proffers came from physicians, it is stated that plans are under way to raise one hundred thousand dollars as a general fund to be used to provide bail; to aid him in his fight to prevent extradition and as a means of defense should he be brought back to Louisiana to stand trial.

Dr. McKoin is charged with murder in connection with the Morehouse kidnaping.

Friends of Dr. McKoin are considering retaining Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, as an attorney for his defense.

Some of the best law firms of the south have been made attractive offers and it is predicted the defense will present a brilliant array of talent. Darrow defended "Big Bill" Haywood, and other I. W. W. cases and also the McNamara brothers, convicted of dynamiting the Los Angeles building.

Portland, Or., Dec. 29.—A score of automobile loads of Corvallis citizens were here today to welcome to the state the Scott high school football team of Toledo, Ohio, which is to meet the Corvallis high school team at Corvallis New Year's day. After breakfast at a hotel, a parade through the city was planned.

Corvallis men reported that Coach Roy "Spec" Keene, of their high school, had been giving his team hard workout this week. Plans for a banquet to both the teams after the game, tendered by the Corvallis high school alumni were announced.

Vest Pocket Typewriter Writing 17 Words Per Minute Is Perfected

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 29.—A typewriter weighing one ounce and fitting in a vest pocket was brought by Dr. H. E. Wetherell of Philadelphia to the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He devised it for his own use.

Held between the fingers and upon the paper, the machine writes by means of a wheel equipped with rubber letters which special devices bring in contact with the paper. Dr. Wetherell said the operation of the typewriter was slow in the hands of a beginner but that an experienced writer could attain a speed of 17 words a minute. It is almost noiseless.

BORAH PLAN WITHDRAWN

Idaho Senator Withdraws Objections to Administration Amendment. Washington, Dec. 29.—Advised by administration leaders that his naval bill amendment for an economic conference would be "harmful" to the administration's negotiations to aid in the European economic conditions, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, late today said in the senate that he would withdraw it.

\$300 LEFT TO CHURCH BY WILL OF JAMES AUSTIN

The First Methodist church of Woodburn is given \$300 in the last will and testament of James A. Austin who died recently in Woodburn. The will is dated November 29, 1922.

PORTLAND BOY'S DEATH DECLARED SUICIDE

Portland, Or., Dec. 29.—The coroner's office announced today that an investigation had shown that Chauncey Morris, 15, who was found late yesterday shot to death in a cabin on the outskirts of the city, had killed himself. They said he had been despondent on account of being out of work. No inquest will be held.

Butcher, Cleared, Asks Damages and Inspector Issues New Complaint

L. S. Leach, deputy state food commissioner, and Harry Levy and Sol Levy, Salem meat men, are going round and round. The Salem justice court is the center of their activities.

FATHER SETS EXAMPLE; SON ALSO SUICIDE

Mystery Surrounds Death of St. Louis Brewer in Office; Sister Also Took Own Life.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press)—William J. Lemp, 54, president of the William J. Lemp Brewery company, committed suicide today by shooting himself twice through the heart in the office of the brewery. It was the third suicide in the family of famous brewers, his father and a sister having taken their own lives.

The William J. Lemp Brewing company just before the advent of prohibition was considered one of the largest brewing companies in the world. It covered a 14 acre triangular tract in the southern section of the city and was valued at \$7,000,000. It was sold at auction last June to five different interests for a total of \$585,000. Lemp had been downcast since, it was said, as he had hoped to get a much larger price for the property.

HIGHWAY BOARD CUTS \$170,000 FROM EXPENSES

Portland, Or., Dec. 29.—Reduction of expenses of the state highway commission by \$170,000 during the coming year, due to reduction in the operating force, was announced at a meeting of the commission today by Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn. An additional reduction of \$4000 a month in salaries was recommended by Nunn and was expected to be provided by the commission.

SAYS OPTIMISM RULES ASTORIA

The "business men of Astoria have faced forward with an optimism that assures a bigger and better city to rise out of the ruins following the recent destructive fire, according to Chris Schmidt, prominent Astoria canneryman and member of the state fish commission, who is in Salem today on business with state officials.

COMMITTEE MAKES LITTLE PROGRESS HERE

At the meeting of the committee appointed by Inganberry growers to work out plans for the benefit of the industry, held yesterday, no definite decisions were made.

Thief Repents; Deposits Coin; Pardon Asked

Pentitent, one who had stolen and regretted deposited a slip of paper under the Gale & company department store door sometime last night.

STORM GRIPS EAST IN ARMS

Twenty-Two Inches Snow Falls in Maine; New York Streets Covered With Icy Blanket.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The storm sweeping the middle and north Atlantic coast was reported today by the weather bureau to be centered east of Cape Cod and moving east-northeastward.

ROAD BONDS SOLD TO NEW YORK FIRM

After carefully figuring and considering all bids offered yesterday for the coming issue of \$150,000 Marion county market road bonds, the bid of the National City Co. of Portland was accepted by the county court.

CYCLE RIDERS TO RACE NEW YEARS

Three Salem men, Ben Rider, Homer Beet and W. F. Crane, and possibly several others, will be among the New Year's motorcycle run which is being held on New Year's day by the Eugene Motorcycle club under the sanction of the Motorcycle & Allied Trades association, corresponding to the A. A. A. organization for motorists.

UNCAP OIL WELL THIS AFTERNOON

Stockholders of the Willamette Valley Oil & Gas company and others interested are making a pilgrimage to the well of the company, two and a half miles south of St. Paul, this afternoon to witness the uncapping of the well, which was sealed following a small flow of oil about two weeks ago.

BUSINESS OF NATION GOOD DURING 1922

Annual Report of Department of Commerce Says Conditions Sound And Prospects Bright.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Stock taking of the nation's domestic business for the past year gives "a feeling of satisfaction" as to the progress made, the department of commerce declared today in an end-of-the-year statement and, from this day's position, it added "there are no serious obstacles in sight which should hinder further advances" in the early new year.

Optimism, born of the accomplishments of the past months which many officials of the government regard as a remarkable strengthening of the economic fabric, is evident throughout the statistics and details of the statement, which noted that the production of manufactured commodities averaged 50 per cent larger than in 1921. The farmer received approximately 17 per cent more for his products than in 1921 and the total volume of agricultural products was worth a much greater sum than was that of a year ago.

"The unsettled conditions in foreign countries, particularly in Europe, however," the statement continued, "are depressing our trade and to some extent have no doubt, kept the prices of agricultural products below the level of other commodities. But within the past two months, this latter condition has been relieved to some extent."

The review said that American exports had dropped 16 per cent as compared with last year, but (Continued on Page Seven.)

Salem Soon to Need Salaried Officers Says Retiring Mayor

In the not far off future Salem will be ready for a change from an aldermanic form of government to a commission form of government. The moment for the change, however, has not quite arrived, in the opinion of George E. Halvorsen, mayor of Salem, who, after two years' service, will retire at midnight January 31.

"I believe in the commission form as firmly now as I did when I took office," Mr. Halvorsen said, "but I believe the city should be a little larger before the change is made. I think a paid mayor and paid commissioners should be employed because, with the great demand necessarily made on a city officer's time, it is frequently impossible to secure the services of competent men. They cannot afford to take time away from their own enterprises."

At present, Mr. Halvorsen believes, the aldermanic form of government is more economical for Salem. Ultimately he believes the commission form would prove cheaper as a result of the many savings which would result from a closer watch on the municipality's business.

Mr. Halvorsen, in expressing thanks to his fellow workers for their cooperation during his term, pointed out that the council has accomplished considerable during the last two years. The Portland road, between the city limit and the Fairgrounds road was opened; Capitol street was opened and, through the assistance of City Attorney Ray Smith, the Oaks addition was settled up. Approximately \$21,000 worth of lots were sold. Considerable fire equipment was also bought and, during 1922, 37 blocks were paved.

"At no time have I regretted assuming the office of mayor of Salem," Mr. Halvorsen declared.

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When 15 representatives of bond houses were presenting their views as to whether the premium of \$924 offered by the National City Co. was the best and highest bid, or whether the proposition suggested by which the court should reject all bids and advertise its bonds at 4 1/2 per cent, the court decided to consider the matter one week.

Later, when it was considered that the offer of the Portland company was figured on a basis of 4.93 per cent for the bonds, and with no assurance that bonds even if advertised to draw 4 1/2 per cent would net the county larger returns, the county court decided that the bona fide offer of par for the bonds, plus the \$924 premium was more satisfactory than taking a chance and the expense of advertising another sale of bonds.

EMERGENCY BOARD PAYS GUARD DEFICIENCY BILL

The state emergency board in session here this morning authorized a deficiency appropriation of \$1500 to cover the expenses incurred by the Oregon national guard in connection with relief work at Astoria following the recent fire which wiped out the business section of that city. The meeting of the board was called at the request of Adjutant General White who explained to the board this morning that more than 17,000 meals have been served from the two rolling kitchens manned by members of the guard.

TWO IRISHMEN EXECUTED

Dublin, Dec. 29.—(By Associated Press).—Two men named Murphy and Whelan were executed at Kilkenny this morning.

CRIME WAVE IS SHOWN IN JURY REPORT

15 Indictments Returned By Marion Panel Today Dimmick And Crabtree Among Accused.

Crimes of varying degrees of gravity, crimes of many types are charged with the 15 true bills returned by the Marion county grand jury this afternoon. Among the indictments brought were two against Wayne A. Dimmick and Ernest Crabtree, sons of pioneer Oregon families, who are charged with assault and robbery while armed with dangerous weapons. Specifically Dimmick and Crabtree are accused of holding up Charles E. Miller, a Salem street car conductor, on the night of October 18. They are accused of various other crimes.

Three are freed. Three not true bills were returned and in each of these cases the defendant will be dismissed. Among those who will be released are Fred Larkin who was accused of stealing a woman's coat from Vailton's store. The other two dismissed are James Taylor, charged with forgery and Arthur Zielke, accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor child.

Next Friday Commander Owsley will arrive in Salem and will be welcomed by representatives of the local post. At noon there will be given in his honor a luncheon at the Marion hotel, after which an informal reception will be held. To these all ex-service men and all professional and business men of the community are invited.

To Install Tuesday. The installation of officers, next Tuesday, will be the first under the new ritual. The ceremonies will be held at the Salem armory at 8 o'clock. Dr. W. Carlton Smith will serve as installing officer and he will be assisted by Dr. C. B. O'Neil. All ex-service men are invited to be present. Hundreds of letters have been mailed to all men whose addresses were known.

Mr. Griffith will be installed as commander; Miles McGilchrist as vice-commander; Brazier Small as adjutant; Jake Fuhrer as finance officer; Albert J. Anderson as quartermaster; Irvin I. Lewis, as chaplain, and Don Wiggins as historian.

Members Are Wanted. In the very near future, Mr. Griffith announced, a membership drive will be thrown underway which, he hopes, will result in a membership of at least 600 men. Already, he said, a number of recruits have been signed.

Plans for the year, he said, include activities with a view to securing civic improvements of various kinds, and the Legion will enter into all branches of sport. A basketball team already is at work; a baseball team will be put into the field this spring and a football team next fall. Teams of neighboring towns will be met.

Kenneth Brown is manager of the basketball team and Don Young is acting as coach. Material which will insure a promising quintet is already working this evening.

"I cannot emphasize too strongly the necessity for cooperation of all ex-service men," Mr. Griffith declared. "We expect to do things next year—of be a real factor in accomplishing good for the community and the larger our membership the better are our chances for making good."

DATES OF FIVE CASES SET

Up to today noon, the following cases have been set for trial in Judge Percy H. Kelly's court, department No. 1, for the January term of the circuit court: Wednesday, Jan. 4: Ellinger vs. Pogue, Willamette Grocery Co. vs. Skiff et al.

Thursday, Jan. 5: Lubowitz vs. Silverton Food Co., Headrick vs. Wright et al.

Friday, January 6: Stanfield vs. Fletcher.

LORD CURZON TO CONFER WITH PRIME MINISTER

Lausanne, Dec. 29.—(By Associated Press).—Marile Curzon, the British foreign secretary and head of the British delegation to the Near East peace conference, plans to leave Sunday for Paris, where he will remain until Tuesday for the purpose of conferring with Prime Minister Bonar Law in regard to the Near East situation.